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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:
JOHN WALTER BALDRIDGE

REF: STATE 194199

PROLONGED TRIAL DETENTION.
CONSULATE FILES INDICATE PRISONER HAS CONSISTENTLY
CLAIMED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW (DUNN'S)
POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA IN PLANE AND DUNN'S PLANS TO
CROSS INTO MEXICO FROM U.S. PRISONER'S LAWYER TOLD
PRISONER (RE FILE JANUARY 28, 1975) HE COULD OBTAIN
ABSUELTO (ABSOLVEMENT OF GUIT) IN TWO MONTHS. COMPLIACATIONS
OF THE CASE INVOLVING SIX OTHERS HAVE, ACCORDING TO LAWYER,
SLOWED DOWN PROGRESS OF BALDRIDGE CASE. PRISONER WROTE
CONOFF APRIL, MAY AND SEPTEMBER OF 1975 REQUESTING CONOFF
CHECKS PROGESS OF HIS CASE. EIGHT VISITS BY CONOFF TO JUDGE
(LAST VISIT NOVEMBER 25) RESULTED IN ADVICE THAT CASE WOULD
BE DECIDED IN COUPLE OF MONTHS EACH TIME. LAST ESTIMATED
TIME FOR SENTENCING GIVEN BY JUDGE AS JANUARY 15, 1976.
CONSULATE WIRENOTE SENT FROM MAZATLAN TO EMBASSY MEXICO
OCTOBER 16, 1975 REGARDING BALDRIDGE (AND BROTHER-IN-LAW
DUNN) TO NOTIFY EMBASSY OF DELAY OF OVER ONE YEAR DETENTION.
CONSULATE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS ISSUE.

ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT/EXTORTION WHILE IN PRISON.

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PRISONER ALLEGED EXTORTION BY PRISONER'S COMMISSION FOR

VARIOUS SERVICES AND THREATS OF BEING ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT
PART OF PRISON IF EXTORTION NOT PAID. DECEMBER 3, 1975
CONSUL HELD MEETING WITH MAYOR'S AID AND WARDEN AT WHICH TIME
WARDEN AGREED THAT PRISON COMMISSION WOULD BE CHANGED.
COMMISSION WAS CHANGED DECEMBER 12, 1975 TO INCLUDE ONE OF THE
AMERICAN PRISONERS ON THAT COMMISSION.

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